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Why did the women choose such a strange method of carrying on this reform? asked one who was astonished to see a company of women kneeling in prayer in front of a saloon. We did not choose it, it was the work of God marked out for us, and we simply do it according to orders, was the reply. In the town Washington there were forty or fifty ladies knocked at a saloon door kept by Mr Smith. They first ask him if he had any objection to the ladies on the side walk coming in. He replied no objection certainly come in. Mr Smith ~~said~~ (the leader said) I have ^{you} any objection to me reading a appeal to you? It contains nothing offensive, no objection being made the appeal was read. The leader than said, have you objection to our kneeling down here and having a prayer? The saloon keeper was too much surprised to object, After the prayer, they sang, Nearer my God to Thee.

They went to the next saloon, and the next, until they had visited the whole thirteen saloons. The next day, they repeated the same process. One dealer said now see here! I can't stand this any longer; if you want come again I will stop. We hope we have done nothing offensive; said the women.

No, No, but I really can't stand it. I have Thirteen barrels of spirits in my cellar, and if you ladies, want to knock in the heads of them I will let you do it. At this the ladies gladly assented, and at the appointed time all the bells began to ring, bringing hundreds of people to the scene. With their own hands the women brought the barrels out of the cellar, and one woman who had suffered much from liquor traffic seized an ax chopped in the heads of all of them. The liquor ran all over the street. Within ten days from the time the crusade commenced every saloon was shut up and the proprietors pledged their

honos never to open again.

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